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# Dranesville Dispatch

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**Dranesville District Supervisor**

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the April 2011 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch. As usual, there is much happening in our district and in Fairfax County. I hope you will find this edition of the Dispatch helpful and informative.

This week the Board of Supervisors adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Once again, the Board faced many challenges and difficult decisions as we sought to fund the essential services that make Fairfax County a special place while remaining sensitive to the difficult financial challenges faced by many county taxpayers. Since I took office in 2008, we have been able to slightly reduce the real estate tax burden on the average property owner. At the same time, through implementation of numerous efficiencies, cuts to non-essential programs and revenue diversification, the Board has been able to maintain essential services and meet the substantial increase in demand for county services caused by the Great Recession. You can read details on the FY2012 budget inside this newsletter. There is also a separate article that addresses the Board's efforts to support expansion of Full Day Kindergarten to all county elementary schools.

Visible progress has been made on the construction of the new Great Falls Fire Station. And we will soon see the reopening of the renovated and expanded Dolley Madison Library. Details on both of these projects are found in this edition of the Dispatch.

One of my primary goals is to make the Dranesville District safer and more accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists. As the article on newly funded transportation projects demonstrates, we are continuing to make progress toward achieving that goal. Please help us continue this effort by completing an on-line survey asking your opinion on the best pedestrian, bus and bicycle improvements to help you access the future Tysons Metro stations. Details on the Tysons Metrorail Stations Access Management Study (TMSAMS) are in this issue.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Colvin Run Mill. We are fortunate to have this historic landmark in our district. You can read about the anniversary celebration and many other important community activities in this issue. Also in this issue you can read several articles about the numerous outstanding contributions you and your neighbors make to our community. There is no shortage of generosity, talent and community spirit in Dranesville!

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on any issues affecting you and your communities. And I thank you for the opportunity to represent and serve you.

Best wishes,

John W. Foust

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## Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's scheduler, Dianne Peikin, at 703-356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at [Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your latest information.

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### Who's Who at Dranesville District Offices

For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at  
[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff\\_assignments\\_by\\_subject\\_new.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm).

## Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

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### Improvement to HOT Lane Stormwater Ponds Announced

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust has announced the successful completion of negotiations for design improvements to five stormwater management ponds within the HOT Lanes development area. The design modifications were the result of a collaboration between Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Fairfax County Department of Public Works (DPWES) and Virginia Megaprojects HOT Lanes. At the Supervisor's initiative, DPWES, VDOT and Virginia Megaprojects have been meeting for three years to discuss design modifications to six ponds within a portion of the HOT Lanes project. Ultimately, five ponds were deemed eligible for grading adjustments which will create an upper and lower marsh effect within the ponds and will be planted with a specially selected compost and seed mixture. Though not eligible for the new grading design, the remaining ponds throughout the construction project will benefit from the application of the special seed and compost mixture. These strategies will improve the impact of stormwater on existing streams and will reduce the pollutants that enter into our local streams and eventually make their way to the Chesapeake Bay.

"The HOT Lanes project is one of the most significant infrastructure developments in our community since the Beltway was originally built. It was essential that we took the opportunity to work with VDOT and the Megaprojects team to enhance the design of the ponds not only to address optimal stormwater management but to improve water quality in the ponds as well, which benefits Fairfax County in meeting its Chesapeake Bay goals," said Supervisor Foust.

Three of the ponds are in Dranesville's Scotts Run watershed and one pond each in the Providence District Holmes Run and Braddock District Accotink Creek.



**VIRGINIA  
MEGAPROJECTS**  
Transportation improvements by **VDOT · DPWT**

### Transurban-Fluor Community Grant Program

Transurban-Fluor, Private Partners for the Capital Beltway Hot Lanes project, initiated the Transurban-Fluor Community Grant Program to assist groups in their efforts to improve and enhance life in the area of the HOT Lanes project. The grants are given to organizations that contribute to the safety, comfort and environmental health of the community.

To date seven McLean community organizations have received grants:

- McLean Hamlet Community Association: Neighborhood Landscaping Project
- McLean Project for the Arts: MPAartfest 2010
- McLean Community Foundation: Vincent F. Callahan Our Environment
- Longfellow Middle School PTA: Rainwater Conservation Garden
- Hallcrest Heights Homeowners Association: McLean Volunteer Fire Department (McLean VFD), Antique Fire Engine
- Pimmit Hills Community: Fairfax County Rain Barrel Initiative
- McLean Revitalization Corporation: McLean Gateway Signage

Grant applications are accepted on a quarterly basis and sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$5,000 and are limited to neighborhoods or groups that are within the 14 mile project footprint of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project.

Please contact Cheryl Patten at Supervisor Foust's office for more information at 703-356-0551 or by email at [Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov).



*Check presentation to Hallcrest Heights with Michael Paris, McLean VFD; Cheryl Patten, Supervisor's Office; Jeff Wagner, Transurban; Clark Tyler, President Hallcrest Heights Homeowners Assoc.; Supervisor John Foust; Steve Arner, President of McLean VFD; Jennifer Aument, Transurban; Chief Timo Kotz, McLean VFD; Capt. Keith Cross, McLean VFD.*

*Progress on the new station.*



## Construction Continues on New Great Falls Fire Station

Construction of the new Great Falls Fire Station is on schedule with most of the framing and exterior wall now erected. Work has begun on roofing and cinderblocks on the exterior of the structure. Construction of the hose tower in the form of a barn silo begins this month. The permit for the septic field has been granted with construction of the septic field to begin soon. The new fire station is projected to open in November 2011 with continuing site work through March 2012.

A special modification was made to the structure when a steelworker, upon hearing that the beam was destined for a fire station, attached the number “343” to one of the beams to honor the 343 firemen killed at the World Trade Center. This beam will remain visible in the apparatus bay when the station is completed.

*Some of the information and photographs for this article were provided by Great Falls Citizens Association newsletter’s Fire Station Update by Joan Bliss of the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department.*



*Rendering of the new facility.*

## Fastran’s “Stuff the Bus” McLean

On Martin Luther King Day this past January, shoppers at the McLean Giant filled a Fairfax County Fastran bus with boxes and bags of essential items for the needy in McLean, Great Falls, and portions of Falls Church. Over 2,300 pounds of non-perishable food, paper products and baby items were collected in the Giant parking lot. These items were then taken to Share’s food pantry at McLean Baptist Church.

Share is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that provides emergency assistance in this area of Fairfax County.

The Fastran Stuff the Bus Food for Fairfax drive is a partnership between Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services and the Office of Public Private Partnerships. The key private partners in this effort are MV Transit, Bloom, Giant and Shoppers.

For more information about Stuff the Bus or the Fastran program, please call 703-222-9764 (TTY 711).



*Supervisor John Foust and others load the Fastran Bus with donated food at the McLean Giant.*

## Upcoming Land Use Cases

### **Shelter Development (SE 2010-DR-030)**

*10200 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls*

Proposed Special Exception to develop a 90-unit medical care and assisted living facility.

Planning Commission hearing: April 28, 2011.

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced.

### **Elm Street Residential (RZ 2010-DR-016)**

*6862 Elm Street, McLean*

Applicant proposes to construct 49 townhomes on a 4-acre surface parking lot and a parking garage along Elm Street with retail on the first floor.

Planning Commission hearing: Date to be announced.

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced.



## Board of Supervisors Adopts Fiscal Year 2012 Budget



On April 26th, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County budget for fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012). General Fund Disbursements are projected to total \$3.38 billion. For the fourth straight year, the budget challenges were made much more difficult by the economic downturn that has affected our nation, state and region. The FY2012 budget continues the Board's efforts to make organizational changes and implement management and program efficiencies. With valuable input and assistance by County staff, the County's non-profit partners and many members of the community, the Board attempted to reflect the community's priorities to fund essential services while being sensitive to the challenges faced by county taxpayers. The FY2012 budget contains over \$20 million in reductions but protects the programs and services that contribute to the quality of life in Fairfax County. The reductions of over \$20 million contained in the FY2012 budget are in additions to reductions of over \$180 million made in the previous two years. The County's ratio of employees to residents is now 11.34 residents per 1,000 employees, a 17% decrease from 20 years ago.

Key elements of the FY2012 budget include:

- The real estate tax rate is reduced by two cents, from \$1.09 per hundred dollars of assessed value to a new rate of \$1.07. (At the \$1.07 rate plus the previously adopted stormwater district tax of a penny and a half, average residential homeowner will pay slightly less real property tax in FY2012 than they paid when the current Board took office in 2008.)
- County employee compensation was frozen for the third consecutive year. However, the Board directed the County Executive to analyze the County's fiscal condition at the end of FY2011 (June 30, 2011) to identify funding to provide County employees with a market-rate adjustment of 1.12%. That increase would be effective in mid-October.
- One issue dominated the public discourse on the budget this year, and that is the expansion of full day kindergarten (FDK) to the 37 schools that currently only have a half day program. (Many of the schools with half day programs are in the Dranesville District.) A separate discussion of the FDK issue follows this overall discussion of the FY2012 budget.
- Public schools remain the number one funding priority for the Board of Supervisors. The Board's support of the county's excellent school system is reflected in the fact that the Board transfers approximately 53% of the general fund each year to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). This year the transfer for school operations will be approximately \$1.61 billion. In addition, \$163.5 million is transferred to School Debt Service. These transfers are in addition to school related programs that are paid for directly by the county from the General Fund, including the School Resource Officer program and the School Nurse program. Although the Superintendent requested a \$42 million increase in the school transfer to fund employee compensation increases that would average about 4.25%, the Board of Supervisors did not fund that request and urged the School Board to treat compensation adjustments for School employees in a manner that is equitable to general county employee anticipated compensation adjustments.
- This budget will provide two special benefits for Fairfax County's fully disabled veterans. Fully disabled veterans will receive a reduction in the personal property tax rate for one of their vehicles to \$0.01 per \$100 of the assessed value. In addition, pursuant to legislation at the state level, the County will exempt a permanent and totally disabled veteran's primary residence from the real estate tax.
- The Board used savings generated by management efficiencies implemented in FY2011, funds identified through the Board's Audit Committee (which Supervisor Foust chairs), and funds made available by repriori-

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tizing recommendations in the County Executive's Advertised Budget to fund programs and services that were a high priority to the Board and the community. Examples include:

- The Fire and Rescue Department's Advanced Life Support Incumbent Training which is needed to provide adequate numbers of certified personnel to support minimum staffing levels.
- Funding for the Human Services Department was increased to provide funding for high school graduates with Intellectual Disabilities and to support the Medical Detoxification program and the Diversion to Detoxification program.
- Balances in the County's Pest Management Fund will be used to fund a program to control ticks and reduce the occurrence of Lyme disease.

The Board has encouraged economic development as a means to jumpstart the economy through the Economic Advisory Commission (which Supervisor Foust also chairs) and through actions to redevelop revitalization areas in the County. The success of this strategy can be measured by the 3.7% increase in commercial property values this year, the first increase for commercial property values in 3 years.

For details on the FY2012 budget, you can visit the County website at <http://ffxpwdevpgc01/dmb/>.



## Statement by Supervisor Foust on Expansion of Full Day Kindergarten

The educational value of full day kindergarten (FDK) has been clearly demonstrated and all kindergarten programs in a first class school district should be full day. Advocates have clearly demonstrated that FDK is an important priority in our community and that FDK should be fully implemented by Fairfax County Public Schools this year. While it was probably necessary to phase in implementation of FDK, I believe it is inequitable that over 100 elementary schools in Fairfax County have FDK while 37 still do not. I believe that, by making FDK the priority it deserves to be, FCPS could fund FDK from its existing budget. However, I also recognize that the School Board must balance many priorities and that it faces many funding challenges. That is why I supported the Board of Supervisors efforts to work with the School Board to ensure that this critical educational priority is funded. While the Board of Supervisors cannot direct how funds are spent by the School Board, we did include funding in the FY2012 budget that is intended to assist in funding expansion of FDK to all schools this year. And we made it clear to the School Board that is how we expect the funding to be spent. Those funding sources include:

1. Savings from the elimination of Kindergarten SACC (\$.5 mil). The county pays for SACC and the money saved by the county when all kindergartens are full day will be transferred to the schools.
2. Additional cable funding (\$641,904) was identified by the county and that funding will be made available to the schools.
3. Funding (\$1.9 million) that could have been used by the County to partially offset the cost of the School Nurse Health Program will be made available to the schools. The county, not FCPS, pays for the school nurses and receives funds from the state to partially offset the cost of the School Nurse program. This state funding is provided directly to FCPS but, beginning in FY2011, it is required by the state that the funding be posted to the County because the County Health Department provides the majority of the School Health function. In other words, the state funds (approximately \$3.8 million in FY2012), are available to the county to partially offset the county's cost of providing the School Nurse program. FCPS is not entitled to any portion of these funds. However, the Board of Supervisors agreed to make \$1.9 million of this funding available to FCPS to be used for FDK. The schools would not get this \$1.9 million but for the Board of Supervisors decision to help fund the expansion of FDK. (The School Health program will not be adversely affected by this decision. The county

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will continue to fully fund the School Health program and use the portion of the \$3.8 million state funding that it retains to fund 12 additional school nurses.)

4. Cable Franchise Fees paid to the schools in FY2012 will be approximately \$2.5 million. The schools' FY2011 Program Budget states that it is required to spend these fees on its Multimedia Services Division "to comply with a Board of Supervisors policy which requires franchise fees provided to FCPS to be used in support of cable operations." I looked into this and determined that requirement is no longer necessary. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors advised the School Board that, going forward, those fees could be used for other purposes including expansion of FDK. This does not create new money for FCPS but it does give the school board the flexibility to re-prioritize some or all of this spending. Lifting the requirement on how the schools use cable franchise fees may or may not create additional funds for FDK depending on whether the school board decides to use some of these funds for FDK as opposed to spending 100% of the funds on its multimedia functions.

These are very challenging budget times for the County and the schools. However, thanks to an outstanding community-wide effort to bring focus to the FDK issue, I believe the School Board recognizes that the existing inequities with the kindergarten program cannot be allowed to continue. To the extent the School Board needed additional assistance from the Board of Supervisors to help fund FDK expansion, I believe those additional funds have been identified. As a result of cooperative efforts by the community, the Board of Supervisors and the School Board, I am optimistic that FDK will be expanded to all county elementary schools this year.

## I-95 Waste-to-Energy Facility (Covanta)

Since 1987, Fairfax County has maintained a successful public-private partnership with Covanta. The I-95 Waste-to-Energy plant, one of the largest of its kind on the East Coast, went online in 1990 as a state-of-the-art facility. The initial term of the service agreement with the contract provision that Fairfax County could exercise an option to purchase, expired this past February.

- County staff has been negotiating with Covanta since 2005 to find a mutually agreeable solution to continue our partnership. In late 2010, staff presented three options to the Board of Supervisors:
- Allow the contract to expire and the market to determine the cost and availability of use;
- Negotiate a new long-term contract similar to the current contract that includes price and capacity stipulations;
- Purchase the facility and competitively bid a service contract with the private sector.

In January of this year, Chairman Bulova proposed an extensive public outreach process that included three public information sessions and a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors in February regarding the nature of the County's relationship with Covanta Energy.

On March 29 the Board voted to approve a contract extension pursuant to Covanta's February 9, 2011 Term Sheet and correspondence from Covanta to the County. Thereafter, Covanta informed the County that it is no longer willing to implement the agreement that the Board accepted and that it wants to renegotiate the deal. The County believes it had an agreement with Covanta and that Covanta has breached that agreement. On April 26, the Board of Supervisors unanimously declared that renegotiating the deal is not acceptable. The Board directed staff to stop work on the extension amendment and to explore all options, including legal and legislative options, for addressing the disposal of waste in Fairfax County.

## Creating Livable Communities: Aging in Dranesville

As our population ages, we should ensure there are services and opportunities for County residents to contribute to the community and to fully enjoy their senior years. And, with a little help from their neighbors, we can make it possible for many more seniors to stay in their homes, or “age in place.” Supervisor Foust is working with community groups in Great Falls, Herndon and McLean to explore concepts and ideas to better understand and meet the needs of seniors in the Dranesville District.

The Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) has established a task force to work on these issues. The group held a public meeting on April 19 at the Great Falls Library to provide Great Falls residents with an opportunity to learn about the possibilities for community organized programs for seniors and to hear from a panel regarding the Aging in Place concepts. Supervisor Foust, County officials and representatives of various organizations working to address the needs of seniors, spoke to those in attendance.

Other events and efforts to address the needs and opportunities for seniors will be scheduled and take place throughout the district.

Individuals, associations, non-profits, businesses and places of worship interested in participating in this effort may contact Jennifer Boysko in Supervisor Foust's Herndon Office by phone at 703-471-5076 or by email at

[Jennifer.Boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov).



*Attendees at Great Falls Public Meeting listening attentively to experts discuss Aging in Place.*



*GFCA meeting attendees with Supervisor Foust: Wayne Foley, Supervisor John Foust, Linda Fernald, Bob Lundegard, Alison Sherman and Sam Rentsch.*

## Board of Supervisors Approves Redistricting Plan

On April 26, the Board of Supervisors approved a redistricting plan based on the results of the 2010 census. The plan was adopted by a bipartisan vote, with six Democrats and the three Republican members of the Board voting in favor, no one voting against, and one Democrat abstaining.

The redistricting process followed in the County was transparent and involved significant community input. The plan adopted by the Board was one of several proposed by the Citizen Advisory Committee chaired by former Board Chairman Kate Hanley. The adopted plan balances the size of the nine Magisterial districts in the county while minimizing disruption to each individual district and the county as a whole.

In the entire county, only seven voting precincts were moved into different Magisterial districts and the boundaries for three other districts were tweaked. The Coates precinct, formerly in the Hunter Mill Magisterial district, was moved into Dranesville. The Colvin precinct, which was moved from the Hunter Mill district to the Dranesville district during the 2000 redistricting, was moved back to Hunter Mill.

Supervisor Foust stated “I am sorry that the residents of the Colvin precinct will no longer be part of my district. However, I welcome the residents of the Coates precinct into the Dranesville district and my staff and I look forward to serving them.”



## Longfellow Middle School Breaks Ground for Rain Garden on April 5

Longfellow Middle School held a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, April 5, at 11 a.m., for a new rain garden, a shallow basin filled with organic soil and water-loving native species plants that will help absorb and filter pollutants from rainwater.

Among other donations, Longfellow received a Chesapeake Bay small watershed grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to establish the rain garden, which is a proven technique to reduce and slow stormwater runoff and return improved groundwater slowly through the soil. A further benefit is that the roots of rain garden shrubs and plants reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus in groundwater up to 50 percent, contributing to the improvement of local water and stream quality.

Longfellow recently installed the only cistern (above-ground water tank) in Fairfax County Public Schools. Cisterns are older technology that release collected rainwater slowly while helping maximize the water filtration performance of native plants in rain gardens. Longfellow's cistern will capture and store approximately 5,300 gallons of water that otherwise would have entered storm drains as runoff. Water that is collected from the roof enters a 5 foot section of 'calming pipe' that filters out the fine and coarse sediment, then enters the tank. When spigots on the cistern are opened, gravity pressure pushes the water out to soaker hoses in the garden.

When the garden is complete in June, it will be available to Longfellow students for outdoor lessons in all subjects, with priority given to science programs. Recycled content bench and table units in the garden will provide seating for 32 students.

Representatives from the following donor organizations attended the groundbreaking: the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the McLean Community Foundation, and Transurban-Fluor Corporation.

Parent volunteer Beth Chung was instrumental in writing and submitting the grant to obtain funding for the rain garden.



*Supervisor Foust, School Board Member, Janie Strauss, Pam Danner from McLean Citizens Foundation and parent volunteer, Beth Chung, join teachers, students and representatives of Transurban-Fluor at the Longfellow Rain Garden Groundbreaking on April 5.*

## Supervisor Foust Announces Newly Funded Transportation Projects



Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust recently announced that he has acquired funding for several new transportation projects. The Supervisor obtained the funds as a response to numerous constituent requests for these projects. The funding comes from revenues generated by the Fairfax County Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Real Estate Tax for Transportation, and from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

### **The newly funded projects are:**

#### **DOLLEY MADISON BLVD (RT. 123)**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation will install a sidewalk on the south side of the street between Great Falls Street and Anderson Road. This is a critical stretch of sidewalk for pedestrian access to the Tysons East Metro Station.

#### **BIRCH STREET**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation will install a sidewalk on the north side of the street completing a missing link between Grove Avenue and the Falls Plaza Shopping Center.

#### **DEAD RUN DRIVE**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation will install a sidewalk on the south side of Dead Run Drive in McLean, between the western end of Carper Street and Congress Lane.

#### **WESTMORELAND STREET AND ROSEMONT DRIVE**

VDOT will install new School Crossing Pedestrian Signs and re-stripe the crosswalk in a high-visibility block pattern.

#### **WESTMORELAND STREET AND BONHEIM COURT**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation will work with VDOT as part of its overall update of signage and striping of crosswalks, to install two ADA curb cuts to revamp this school crosswalk. This work complements recent enhanced signage and striping. FDOT will install a 10'x30' concrete 6" standard curb raised median island on the north leg, with associated striping eradication and new striping and signage.

#### **WESTMORELAND STREET AND LEMON ROAD**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation will work with VDOT as part of its overall update of signage and striping of crosswalks, to install 2 ADA curb ramps and new crosswalk on the north leg of this intersection. The existing south crosswalk will be eradicated. This work complements recent enhanced signage.

#### **WESTMORELAND STREET AND SOUTHRIDGE DRIVE**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation will work with VDOT as part of its overall update of signage and striping of crosswalks, to design and install 2 ADA curb ramps and a 10'x30' concrete 6" standard curb raised median island on the north leg, with associated striping eradication and new striping, complimenting recent improved signage.

In addition to these newly funded projects, approximately 20 pedestrian, bicycle and minor road projects have been completed in the Dranesville District in the past three years and improvement work continues on approximately 35 funded projects that are in design phase or under construction.

In announcing these newly funded projects, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust stated, "Making our neighborhoods safer and more accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists is a major goal of my office. I am pleased that several of the projects that we have completed and have planned will make it safer for students to walk and bike to school. I am also pleased that some of these projects will further our goal of making the new Metro stations more accessible for walkers and bicyclists."

Soon, residents will also see progress on seven Virginia Department of Transportation projects to rehabilitate or rebuild bridges over streams or roadways in Dranesville.

For more information, contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor John Foust at (703) 356-0551 (TTY: 711) or by email at [julie.ide@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:julie.ide@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Blighted House Demolished on Eddyspark Drive, Herndon

Neighbors on Eddyspark Drive in Herndon were happy to see the long blighted property at 12115 demolished in March. The action took place because of actions taken by Supervisor Foust and the Board of Supervisors to adopt the Spot Blight Ordinance in October of 2010.

At the strong urging of neighbors and the entire Kingstream Community Council, Supervisor Foust's office coordinated with the County Blight Abatement Office to demolish the badly damaged, abandoned house. Ultimately, the bank owning the property removed the structure and paid for all costs of the demolition.

Residents will soon be able to enjoy the beautiful, newly renovated and expanded Dolley Madison Library. Work on the newly renovated library facility on Oak Ridge Avenue in McLean is nearly finished, with the scheduled reopening planned for July 9 at 10:00 am — just in time for the summer reading season. The temporary library at 6649-A Old Dominion Dr. will permanently close its doors in preparation for the transition at 5 pm on May 21, 2011. That leaves approximately 1 1/2 months where both locations will be closed.



## Dolley Madison Library Updates

“The new facility is bright and welcoming with plenty of space to serve readers, computer users and group activities. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful library in McLean,” said Supervisor Foust.

For more information please contact Cheryl Patten, in the office of Supervisor Foust, at 703-356-0551 or by email at [Cheryl.Patten@Fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Patten@Fairfaxcounty.gov).

### Library Time Capsule Contest

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Dolley Madison Library staff want McLean students to become contemporary historians. A time capsule to be opened 50 years from now, will be part of the newly renovated Dolley Madison Library. Supervisor Foust invites students in grades 1 through 12 (as of fall 2011) to participate in a contest to describe life in McLean 2011.

A total of eight contestants from among the age groups will be selected to have their written or art entries enclosed in the time capsule which will be opened in 2061.

#### Contest rules:

- The contest is open to all students who are/will be in first through twelfth grades in the 2011-2012 school year AND who either attend school in the McLean area (public, private, or home schooled) or who reside in McLean and attend school elsewhere.
- For judging purposes, eligible entries shall be placed in four grade groupings: 1-3; 4-6; 7-8; 9-12.
- The contest will consist of theme-directed art or writing entries.
- All entries must be on paper (entries in electronic format cannot be accepted), limited to 2 pages for writing and one page for art, and paper size may not exceed 8 1/2 X 14 inches.
- All entries must be identified on the front upper-right-hand corner for writing, and on the back for art, with the following information: Name of Student; Home Address; Date of Birth; Grade for the 2011/2012 School Year; School Attending or Home Schooled designation.
- Contest submissions (only ONE per student, please) will be accepted at the Dranesville District Supervisor's office in the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101, with a **DEADLINE of 5PM on MONDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2011**. Submissions cannot be returned.

### Northern Virginia VDOT Six Year Improvement Program Public Hearing

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will conduct a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012-2017 Six Year Improvement Program (FY12-17 SYIP).

Meeting details:

**May 4, 2011, at 7:00 p.m**

**Virginia Department of Transportation  
Northern Virginia District Office  
4975 Alliance Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030**

Citizens will have the opportunity to review and provide comments on projects and programs to be included in the FY 12-17 SYIP, including highway, rail and public transportation initiatives. These projects and programs represent important improvements to address safety,

congestion, and preservation of Virginia's transportation network. It is important that VDOT hears from residents about the projects they feel are the highest priority for the state's limited transportation funds.

If you are unable to attend the hearing you may email [Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov) or send your comments to:

**Programming Director  
1401 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219**





## Public Informational Meeting on Beach Mill Bridge Renovation Project

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has developed plans to renovate the structurally deficient bridge on Beach Mill Road over Nichols Branch. Plans for this project have been presented to Great Falls Citizens Association representatives. Because of numerous questions and concerns about this project, VDOT representatives will be attending the May 10 General meeting of the Great Falls Citizens Association. Attendees can view a presentation, ask questions and express comments and concerns to VDOT representatives. The meeting is open to the public.

### Meeting Details:

**Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 pm**  
Great Falls Grange  
9818 Georgetown Pike  
Great Falls, VA



*Current Beach Mill Road Bridge Conditions*

## Planned VDOT Bridge Repairs in Dranesville District

**The following bridge improvement projects are planned by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to repair or refurbish structurally deficient or stormwater impacted Dranesville bridges:**

FRANKLIN PARK ROAD OVER LITTLE PIMMIT RUN BRIDGE (Stormwater impacted)  
Scour retrofit. Restoring embankments. Estimated completion date: August 2011\*

BEULAH ROAD OVER WOLF TRAP RUN BRIDGE (Structurally deficient)  
Bridge Scour Retrofit. Estimated completion date: June 2012\*

BEACH MILL ROAD OVER NICHOLS BRANCH BRIDGE (Structurally deficient)  
Refurbish bridge. Estimated completion date: August 2012\*

OLD CHESTERBROOK ROAD OVER PIMMIT RUN BRIDGE (Structurally deficient)  
Refurbish bridge. Estimated completion date: August 2012\*

DULLES TOLL ROAD AT BEULAH BRIDGE (Structurally deficient)  
Beam repair. Raise insufficiently high side of the bridge and widen for pedestrian access.  
Estimated completion date: December 2013\*

WALKER ROAD OVER PINEY RUN BRIDGE (Structurally deficient)  
Bridge replacement. Estimated completion date: 2015\*

TOWLSTON ROAD OVER ROCKY RUN BRIDGE (Structurally deficient)  
Either replacement or rehabilitation depending on study outcome. Estimated completion date: Not yet funded.

### **Recently completed:**

LEIGH MILL ROAD OVER DIFFICULT RUN (Structurally deficient)  
Superstructure replacement. Completed January 2011

\* All estimated completion dates are subject to change due to unanticipated events or conditions.





## Virginia Task Force 1 Returns to Fairfax

Virginia Task Force 1 (VA-TF1), Fairfax County's urban search and rescue team, returned home Sunday, March 20, at approximately 1:45 a.m., following its deployment to Japan to assist after the catastrophic Japanese earthquake and tsunami. VA-TF1 was mobilized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and deployed for approximately seven days.

The 74 member "heavy" team worked in and around Ofunato, a seaport city of approximately 40,000. The team deployed with approximately 32 tons of equipment. Prior to their departure from Japan, VA-TF1 and California Task Force 2 (CATF-2) transferred nearly \$145,000 in equipment to the Ofunato fire department to assist with local recovery efforts. The equipment included: four zodiac boat kits—containing boats, motors, fuel tanks, and paddles, 16 kerosene heaters, 160 cots, and 160 sleeping bags. Unfortunately, the team found no survivors.

Fairfax County is very proud of the efforts of this incredible team.



## Reston East Park and Ride Closes with New Temporary Facility Open at Sunset Hills Road and Town Center Parkway

Parking spaces at Reston East Park and Ride on Wiehle Avenue north of the Dulles Toll Road have been eliminated and replaced by the new Reston East Park and Ride, at the location of the future parking garage for the Wiehle Avenue Metrorail station.

On April 3, Reston East Park and Ride closed completely and the new Sunset Hills Park and Ride opened in its place. The new lot is located at the corner of Sunset Hills Road and Town Center Parkway. Bus Route 505 and a new Route 555 provide service from Sunset Hills Park and Ride to West Falls Church Metro Station. Sunset Hills Park and Ride is a temporary lot that will close after the Wiehle Avenue parking garage opens.

Minor schedule changes have taken effect for bus routes 505, 551, 552, 554 and 557, which will bypass Reston East and go directly to and from West Falls Church Metro Station. Route 505 will serve the new Sunset Hills Park and Ride via a minor routing modification, and continue to operate all-day service to and from West Falls Church Metro.

For up-to-date information about parking or travel options, commuters who use Reston East are encouraged to:

Visit Fairfax Connector Web site: [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com)

Find Fairfax Connector on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fairfaxconnector](http://www.facebook.com/fairfaxconnector)

Follow Fairfax Connector on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ffxconnector](http://www.twitter.com/ffxconnector)

Sign up for e-mailed listserv messages on the Fairfax Connector Web site. Call the Reston East Park and Ride hotline at 703-877-5700, TTY 711.

For information about this news item, visit [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com) or call Ellen Kamilakis at 703-877-5606, TTY 711.



## Final Draft Phase I of Fairfax County Master Bicycle Plan Available to the Public

The final draft of the first phase of the Fairfax County Master Bicycle Plan is now available to the public on the Fairfax County website. The County is developing this plan to determine steps to be taken to make improvements to the existing transportation system to support bicycle ridership in the County. The plan will also recommend how bicycle-friendly design should be incorporated into future roadway and transit projects and private developments.

Phase I of the plan, the Tysons Corner Bicycle Master Plan, includes detailed recommendations for physical infrastructure (bike paths, bike lanes, bike parking, etc.) to support bicycling in Tysons Corner and policies and programs that are needed in order to encourage residents and visitors to travel by bicycle. Following Phase I, Phase II will establish a Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

The final draft of the Phase I Tysons Bicycle Plan was presented to the public on February 17 and may be viewed at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/county\\_bike\\_master\\_plan.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/county_bike_master_plan.htm).

The recently adopted amendment to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner envisions a mixed-use urban center with a more traditional downtown feel; a place which is friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians; a place organized around the four new Silver Line Metrorail stations. This vision includes a network of connected on-road and off-road bicycle facilities so residents, employees and visitors can travel comfortably and safely by bicycle to destinations within and around Tysons Corner.

Benefits of increased bicycle ridership include reduced congestion on Tysons Corner roadways, improved air quality, more transportation options, less transportation costs, recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Fairfax County and improved community health.

For more information on the Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan, please contact Jeffrey Hermann, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, by email at [bicycleprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:bicycleprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov) or by phone at 703-877-5600, TTY 711.

## Board of Supervisors Recommends Banning Through Truck Traffic on Balls Hill Road and Eastern Georgetown Pike



At the request of residents who live along Balls Hill Road in McLean, Supervisor Foust initiated the process to implement through truck traffic restrictions on parts of Balls Hill Road and Georgetown Pike. The proposed restrictions are intended to address safety concerns raised by the neighborhood.

Following public hearings held on April 26, the Board of Supervisors recommended banning through truck traffic on Balls Hill Road and Georgetown Pike east of the beltway.

The proposed through truck traffic restrictions are being considered in two parts:

- Georgetown Pike between Interstate 495 and Dolley Madison Blvd. and Balls Hill Road between Georgetown Pike and Old Dominion Drive
- Balls Hill Road between Old Dominion Drive and Lewinsville Road

Now that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has recommended the ban, the matter will be brought before the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for its consideration and approval. The CTB will seek comments from the public and the Virginia Trucking Association. Virginia Department of Transportation will conduct a formal engineering study of the proposed restrictions and submit its recommendations to the CTB.

For more information, contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at [Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov).

## Dranesville Photo Gallery



*Herndon Town Councilwoman Grace Wolf, Herndon Town Councilwoman Sheila Olem, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Supervisor John Foust, and Catherine Gander, Resource Fair Organizer, at Herndon Senior Center Resource Fair.*



*Delegate Mark Keam, Supervisor Penny Gross, Supervisor John Foust and Supervisor John Cook at the Chinese New Year Festival.*



*Herndon High School 100th Anniversary honored at February 22 Board of Supervisors meeting.*



*70th anniversary of Herndon Women's Club honored on February 22 by the Board of Supervisors.*



*Supervisor John Foust and Vicky Dorman, Executive Director of Council for the Arts of Herndon, at Taste of Herndon.*



*Supervisor Foust and Volunteers prepare and serve food at Taste of Herndon.*



## Announcements

### VDOT Conducting 2011 Pothole Blitz

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has begun a coordinated campaign to patch the thousands of potholes that formed this winter across the Commonwealth. VDOT will use state and contractor resources to quickly identify and repair potholes on Virginia's highway system. Citizens are encouraged to assist this effort and report potholes to VDOT's Customer Service Center (see below).



VDOT and its interstate maintenance contractors are responsible for patching potholes on the 58,000 miles of state-maintained roadways in the Commonwealth. During the 2010 Pothole Blitz, more than 161,000 potholes were repaired.

Some areas and types of pavements may require more extensive repairs. In these cases, crews will make temporary repairs immediately and will schedule more extensive reconstruction work at a later date.

**To report a pothole, citizens should visit [www.VirginiaDOT.org](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org) or call VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623). TTY users, call 711. If the pothole is in the Town of Herndon call (703) 435-6853.**

### Fairfax County Wants Your Opinion on Bus, Bike and Walking Routes to the Future Tysons Metro Stations

The Tysons Metrorail Stations Access Management Study (TMSAMS) has launched an online survey to identify your priorities for bus, bicycle and pedestrian improvements necessary to access the four new Tysons Metro stations. The survey can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tmsams/>.

The TMSAMS advisory group, comprised of residents from Dranesville, Providence and Hunter Mill districts and County Department of Transportation staff, was tasked to identify priorities and inform the public of pedestrian, bicycle and bus service improvements that will enhance access to and from the four new Silver Line Metrorail Stations being constructed in Tysons Corner.

The on-line survey allows the public to prioritize and comment on recommended improvements, and identify areas where additional planning and analysis is needed. The survey is available on-line through April 30.



Once the survey collection period is over, the TMSAMS advisory group will use the input obtained through these surveys and four public meetings held in March, to recommend routes to the new Metrorail Stations in Tysons Corner and produce a report for the public, summarizing the findings. A public meeting will be held to present the preliminary findings of the study.

For more information you may contact Kris Morley-Nikfar, with Fairfax County Department of Transportation, by email at [Kris.Morley-Nikfar@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kris.Morley-Nikfar@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### Changing of the Guard at Reston Police station

The Reston Police Station has a new Commander. Captain Andre Tibbs replaced recently retired Captain Deborah Burnett to take over command of the Reston Police Station. Supervisor Foust and staff wish Captain Burnett well and thank her for her service. Within the Dranesville magisterial district, Vienna, Great Falls and the non-incorporated Herndon area residents are served by the Reston Police station.



## Non Profit Seeks Volunteer Caregiver Award Nominations for “Kudos for Community Caregivers” Awards Breakfast

LifeCircle Alliances, a non-profit charitable organization has asked for nominations for their “Kudos for Community Caregivers” awards program. This is an annual awards program that recognizes outstanding volunteer caregivers in Fairfax County, the cities of Falls Church and Fairfax. Nominees submitted may be for an individual, a family, a faith community, an organization, or a corporation in the Fairfax County, VA area. Nominees must be actively providing care to older adult(s) or adult(s) 18 and older with developmental, intellectual or physical disabilities.

Any individual, faith community, corporation or organization in the greater Fairfax County area may submit a nomination - only one nomination per year may be submitted. **Deadline for submission of award nominations is 5PM, June 30, 2011 to LifeCircle Alliances, 4031 University Drive, Ste. 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.** For the nomination application form, visit [www.lifecirclealliances.org](http://www.lifecirclealliances.org).

Awards will be presented at the second annual **LifeCircle Alliances’ “Kudos for Community Caregivers”** awards breakfast slated for September 26, 2011 at The Mason Inn on the campus of George Mason University.

LifeCircle Alliances champions the concerns of older adults and adults with disabilities as they hold a unique place in the life circle of our community. The collective wisdom, individual talents, and unique life journeys of these individuals enrich the fabric of Fairfax County. LifeCircle’s mission is to develop collaborative partnerships with private, public, business, educational and philanthropic entities to build community capacity, create innovative long term care initiatives and enhance existing programs which will enable older adults and adults with disabilities to live independently in their communities of choice. LifeCircle also supports the needs of their families and their caregivers and service providers.

To learn more about LifeCircle Alliances’ programs for adults with disabilities, older adults and caregivers, contact Christine Hyland, Executive Director, 571-321-201, [chyland@lifecirclealliances.org](mailto:chyland@lifecirclealliances.org) or visit [www.lifecirclealliances.org](http://www.lifecirclealliances.org).

## Environmental Quality Advisory Council Seeks Student Representative

The Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) is in the process of selecting a student member to serve on the council from July 2011 through June 2012. The application process is open to all interested high school sophomores and juniors who are in good standing. Eligible public school, parochial or private school, and home schooled students are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in serving as EQAC's Student Member during your junior or senior year, you can download further details and the application form by visiting [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/background\\_information\\_and\\_form.doc](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/background_information_and_form.doc). (Word Document).

EQAC is comprised of one citizen representative from each Magisterial District, four at-large members, and one student representative. Each member is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three-year term, except the student member, who serves during his or her junior or senior year of high school.

EQAC's chief function is to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for improving the County's efforts in environmental protection and enhancement. During monthly meetings, issues such as hazardous materials, water quality, air quality, land use, noise, solid waste, ecological resources, deer management, visual pollution, light pollution and climate change as it relates to County actions are investigated. In addition, EQAC holds a public hearing each year for the purpose of obtaining citizen input on issues of environmental concern.

The council generally meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. For the complete schedule go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/meetinginfo.htm>.

If you have questions about EQAC, contact Noel Kaplan of the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-324-1369, TTY 711 (Virginia Relay) or email [eqac@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:eqac@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Herndon Fortnightly Club Scholarship

As part of the Herndon Fortnightly Club's continuing policy to give back to the community, the organization announced that it is taking applications for one-year scholarships for students who live in the Herndon area.

Scholarship candidates should be accepted for entrance or enrolled in an educational institution before applying for a scholarship. Students eligible can be enrolled in undergraduate classes, graduate, post graduate, continuing education or courses for re-entering the workforce. Past scholarship recipients are not eligible for consideration.

Those interested should write a one-page letter, without attachments to the Herndon Fortnightly Club explaining why the scholarship is needed, what career goals are being pursued and what academic institution they will be attending. They should also include information relating to their activities, community service and academic standing.

Applicants should send the letter along with their name, address and phone number, to Scholarships, c/o The Herndon Fortnightly Club, P.O. Box 55, Herndon, VA 20172-0055. Applications must be received by May 24, 2011.

## Recognitions

### Fairfax County Public Schools Student Publications Honored with Journalism Education Association-National Scholastic Press Association Best of Show Awards

Six Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) student publications received recognition as Best of Show Winners at the Journalism Education Association-National Scholastic Press Association Spring National High School Journalism Convention this month.

FCPS Best of Show Winners included Dranesville's McLean High School winning with it's McLean High School Yearbook, "The Clan." Award winners were yearbook editors Anna Glendening, Marissa Gitler, Hannah Kirby, and Natalie Mabile. Meghan Percival was the group's advisor.

### McLean Community Center Presents Outstanding Volunteer Awards

The McLean Community Center's (MCC) 7th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception was held on Sunday, March 27, in the Community Hall. At the reception, the 2010 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer Awards were presented to **Peggy Johnson** and **Nancy Gralla** for their volunteer contributions to MCC programs.

Ms. Johnson was nominated by MCC Public Information Officer Sabrina Anwah. Over the more than two years Johnson has volunteered, she has created and maintained systems for archiving MCC media coverage, event photographs, news releases and financial documents. In addition, she has provided backup support for the MCC's reception desk, worked with the Special Events staff to set up McLean Day and greeted patrons and supported staff at a variety of events and activities.

Ms. Gralla was nominated by Instruction and Tour Programs Director Margaret Shea. In the more than three years Gralla has volunteered, she has become the public face of the MCC's dance programs and youth and family events for countless students and parents.

## Longfellow Middle School Wins Knowledge Master Open

The quiz bowl team of Longfellow Middle School in Falls Church beat out over 500 schools and placed first in the nation in the Knowledge Master Open. Knowledge Master Open is a semi-annual computer-based national competition, sponsored by Academic Hallmarks, in which a school team of any size answers 200 multiple-choice questions in areas of history, science, literature, music, art, geography, mathematics, current events, and pop trivia. All questions are put on a CD and sent to the participating schools. The entire competition takes about 2 hours to complete, and time bonuses are given for speed. The sponsoring teacher phones the score to Academic Hallmarks. Longfellow Middle School has competed in the contest since 2006 and has placed first in the national championship for four consecutive years — an amazing achievement!

Supervisor Foust presented the team and coach with a Certificate of Achievement from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on March 24.



*Quiz Bowl Team members receive certificate from Supervisor Foust.*

*Back row: Matthew Steelberg, Tajin Rogers, Rebecca Hall, School Board Member Janie Strauss, Supervisor Foust, Principal Carole Kihm, Renee Wah, Raymond Yang;  
Front row: Junyoung Hwang, Ross Dempsey, Allen Cheng, Ryan Golant, William Liu, Bobbie Sheng, Emma Fan;  
Floor: Ari Ghasemian, Khoi Tran*



*Additional Quiz Bowl team members: (left to right) McLean High School teacher and Quiz Bowl coach Eugene Huang, Tiger Zhang, Anna Tursi and Kate Salamido*

## Dranesville Schools Receive 2011 Schoolyard Stewardship Mini Grants

Eleven Fairfax County public schools have been selected as recipients of 2011 Schoolyard Stewardship Mini Grants by the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Department of Facilities and Transportation Services. Four schools in Dranesville as well as Marshall High School, which has students from Dranesville, were grant winners:

- **Churchill Road Elementary School**—compost bin and rain barrels to expand the school's native plant and organic vegetable gardens.
- **Forestville Elementary School**—meadow of native plants with informational signage.
- **Langley High School**—creation of a woodland habitat garden, seasonal native border, and soil amendments in the school courtyard.
- **Longfellow Middle School**—native garden in the school courtyard plus informational signage for the cistern and garden.
- **Marshall High School**—native Virginia garden.

The FCPS Schoolyard Stewardship Mini Grants encourage schools and students to establish activities related to environmental stewardship while conserving and preserving natural resources. Mini grants may provide up to \$3,000 in funding for a project.

## The Virginia General Assembly Honors Dranesville Individuals and Organizations

This year's Virginia General Assembly session passed several resolutions honoring individuals and organizations for outstanding service or performance. Three of the honorees are from the Dranesville District:

- **Chef Francois Haeringer**, proprietor of the Great Falls restaurant L'Auberge Chez Francois. Mr. Haeringer passed away on June 3, 2010 and was honored for bringing Alsace region cooking to the Washington area.
- **Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts** was honored for its 40th anniversary.
- **The McLean Orchestra and McLean Youth Orchestra** were honored for enhancing the cultural life of McLean.

Congratulations to these individuals and groups for an outstanding achievement.

## Dranesville's Chesterbrook Residences Wins LifeCircle Alliances' Haywood Grant

LifeCircle Alliances, a non-profit charitable organization that champions the concerns of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County, announced the winners of the second round of Haywood Incentive Fund Grants. Among those awarded a grant was **Chesterbrook Residences**, a mixed-income assisted living facility in McLean. Chesterbrook Residences will use its \$2,500 grant to enhance internet accessibility for their residents.

INTEGRITYOne Partners of Reston, a business and technology consulting services firm, provided the funding for this round of Haywood grants. The Verdria Haywood Incentive Fund was established by LifeCircle Alliances in 2009 in honor of Verdria Haywood, the former Fairfax Deputy County Executive for Human Services, to continue the support of programs and services he championed for thirty years.

To learn more about LifeCircle Alliances and its programs for adults (18+) with disabilities, older adults and caregivers, contact Christine Hyland, Executive Director, 571-321-2018 [chyland@lifecirclealliances.org](mailto:chyland@lifecirclealliances.org) or visit their website at [www.lifecirclealliances.org](http://www.lifecirclealliances.org).

## Langley Senior Receives Leadership Award

Langley High School Senior, **Parnia Zahedi**, has been awarded the Harry F. Byrd Jr. Leadership Award for 2011. Every high school in Virginia nominates one qualified senior for the scholarship, of which only 11 are awarded the \$1,000 scholarship.

Ms. Parnia has a GPA of 4.4, takes 10 AP classes, serves as the Editor-In-Chief of the Saxon Scope, is President of the National Honor Society, and is a captain of the varsity tennis team,.

## Dranesville Students Win Virginia PTA Reflections Awards

Two students from the Dranesville Magisterial District earned first place awards at the state level in the 2010-11 Reflections contest, sponsored by the National PTA. A total of four students from Fairfax County Public Schools were given this honor. In addition, one Dranesville student received a Choreography Award.

The Dranesville award winning students were:

- **Avery Dahl** of Kent Gardens Elementary School in Photography, Intermediate Division.
- **Ivy Ni** of Langley High School in Visual Arts, Senior Division.
- **Aimee Cho** of Langley High School, Award of Merit in Dance Choreography, Senior Division.



## Dranesville Residents Recipients of Volunteer Service Awards

The Volunteer Service Awards were established by Volunteer Fairfax to celebrate the contributions volunteers make to improve the quality of life in our community. This year several Dranesville residents received honors for their generous volunteer service through a broad range of activities and programs:

### **Community Champion: Tim Hackman**

Every year each County magisterial district honors a Community Champion for his/her exceptional dedication to volunteer service. This year Supervisor Foust selected Tim Hackman of Great Falls, for his extensive contributions to Friends of Riverbend Park and Amedeus Concerts.

### **2011 Competitive Award Winners:**

**Janie Willner**, Winner of Youth Volunteer Award for volunteering at Listening, Deaf Camps, Inc.

**Peter Morey**, Winner of Rising Star Award for volunteering at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center

### **Contributing 100 hours of service:**

**Zack Sanders** at McLean Community Center

### **Contributing 250 hours of service:**

**Stephanie Dorman** at Council for the Arts of Herndon

**William Gilbert** at Herndon Fortnightly Library

**Cathy Lanni** at Council for the Arts of Herndon

**Peter Mory** at Lewinsville Adult Day health Care Center

**Linda Powell** at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center

**McLean TOPSoccer**, Winner of Youth Volunteer Group Award



*Supervisor Foust and 2011 Dranesville Community Champion, Tim Hackman.*

### **Contributing 500 hours of service:**

**Zinaida "Zina" Mandrusova** at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center

**Dien Tran** at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center

**Grace Wolf** at Council for the Arts of Herndon

## Colvin Run Mill Celebrates 200 Years of History

To mark Colvin Run Mill's 200th birthday, the Fairfax County Park Authority held a celebration at the historic site on Sunday, April 10. Visitors were treated to re-enactors from the 5th Maryland Regiment in full regalia, blacksmith demonstrations, tours led by the miller, children's craft tables, and cornbread made from grains ground onsite.

Chairman Sharon Bulova and Dranesville Supervisor John Foust presented a resolution recognizing the mill's 200 year presence in Fairfax County during a commemorative ceremony.

The mill, which was built on land once owned by George Washington, is the last working grist mill in Fairfax County.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.



*Supervisor John Foust; Fairfax County Park Authority Board Chairman Bill Bouie; Friends of Colvin Run Mill President Mary Allen; Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova; and former President of the Friends of Colvin Run Mill, Bob Lundegard.*

## Helpful Information

### Accessible Communications

Fairfax County is working on new ways to communicate to people with disabilities. Look for these two new Fairfax County communications channels:

- The County website features a new ADA Accessibility webpage at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/accessibility/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/accessibility/). The page includes information about the ADA, links to County services for people with disabilities and information on accessible parking, entrances and restroom facilities. It also includes information on filing a complaint. The Office of Public Affairs is working on a second phase of this page that will include more information on related topics.
- Fairfax County Disabilities, the County's newest Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Fairfax-County-Disabilities/198891070139569](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fairfax-County-Disabilities/198891070139569), is now live. The page will share information on County services and events with people with disabilities. It will also host conversations and provide answers to questions about ADA accommodations and other disability rights.

A cross-county group will manage the Facebook page including staff from the Department of Family Services, the Community Services Board, Neighborhood and Community Services, Human Rights and Equity Programs, Office of Public Affairs, and Housing and Community Development.

Please also visit and share the news about the county's eight other Facebook pages and social media including Twitter and YouTube at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/getfairfax/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/getfairfax/).



*Supervisor Foust and some members of staff at McLean Day 2010.*

### McLean Day 2011

*Celebrate the McLean Community at Lewinsville Park!*

**Saturday, May 21**

**Lewinsville Park**

**1659 Chain Bridge Road McLean, VA 22101**

No admission fee

Festival and Rides: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

MCC Governing Board Elections Voting: 10:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Limited parking. Shuttle buses available.

- Wander around and visit booths manned by local businesses, non-profit groups and crafters showcasing their wares.
- Meet your neighbors and friends.
- See the great line-up of live entertainment on stage.
- Rides are located throughout the park, many of the ones for younger kids are free! Free pony rides draw a line all day for the little ones.
- Visit the midway with games and huge carnival rides (for a modest fee).
- Enjoy delicious carnival foods and more substantial offerings for lunch.

For more information contact the  
McLean Community Center  
at 703-790-0123.



## Friday Night Live on Herndon Town Green

FREE and held on the beautiful Town Green in Herndon, FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE! (FNL) is the most popular outdoor concert series in the DC area. FNL features the most popular local acts from up and down the east coast. Most bands play rock and roll covers from classic to modern rock. FNL also offers some variety with a little reggae, funk and original music thrown in. FNL is sponsored by Volkswagen Group of America.



### Friday Nights

**6:30 pm to 10:30 pm**

Herndon Town Green

777 Lynn Street, Herndon VA

Call the Event Hotline for weather, schedule, and other updates:

(703) 481-6133

2011 FNL Artist Schedule:

The Reagan Years	May 6	HyJinx	July 1
Chorduroy + Modern Thieves	May 13	Drop Dead Sexy	July 8
Fools & Horses + Schiavone	May 20	Love Seed Mama Jump	July 15
Crowded Streets (Dave Matthews Tribute)	May 27	B2B (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)	July 22
+ Six to Midnight		+ South Bay	
Herndon Festival - NO FNL	June 3	Lloyd Dobler Effect	July 29
Kristen & the Noise	June 10	Laura Lea & Tripp Fabulous	August 5
Burnt Sienna	June 17	Dr FU	August 12
2U (U2 Tribute) + Rise & Fall	June 24	The Benjamins	August 19
		Gonzo's Nose	August 26

## Great Falls 20th Annual Spring Festival!

*Sponsored by the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation*

**Sunday, May 1st, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Great Falls Village Center

Georgetown Pike & Walker Rd

Great Falls, VA 22066

**THERE IS NO RAIN DATE FOR THIS EVENT!**

Tickets will be sold at two festival entrances; \$10.00 per person (\$40 max. per family).

The festival ticket covers admission and all rides.

Purchase of vendor items, cakewalk participation, food, and raffle tickets will be sold separately.

- Enjoy games, velcro and rock climbing wall, inflatables, and much more for the adventure seekers!
- All your favorite festival type foods will be available to purchase from local area vendors. For antique car lovers, there will be dozens of classic cars on display and you can vote for the "Best in Show".
- Watch live performances on the stage, including a performance by the Langley High School Dance Team as well as Ukele Phil, Dodgeball Theater, and Langley's Women's Choir.
- A variety of the local businesses and non-profits will be on hand with activities and giveaways as well as information about their organization and/or business.
- New at this year's event is "Marketplace on the Green" with a host of new crafts and people selling their wares in the Village Centre around the gazebo.

**Come for a great day of family fun, food, games and music!**



## COLVIN RUN HISTORIC STREET FAIR

### *The Story of the Industrious Colvin Run Community 1811-2011*

**Sunday, May 15, 2011, 12 noon - 4 pm**

Colvin Run Mill

10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA

As a way to honor and applaud the 200th anniversary of the Colvin Run Mill and surrounding community, the Great Falls Historical Society (GFHS) is sponsoring a Colvin Run Historic Street Fair.

Inside the Colvin Run Schoolhouse, visitors can enjoy a school reenactment; photo boards depicting the community over its 200-year history; treasured artifacts on display; and relatives and descendants of local residents who will discuss the good old days, weaving a picture of days gone by. Members of GFHS can begin the day at the schoolhouse, where a wristband can be picked up that will allow access to a free grind at the Colvin Run Mill. Artists will be outside the Mill, painting the historic building for all to see. Food, ice cream, and music will delight. A silent auction will provide a way for local businesses to showcase their offerings. Outside the schoolhouse, native plants, heirloom seeds, and backyard wildlife habitat techniques will be on display. Great Falls Historical Society is gathering the history of the Colvin Run area and welcomes your photos, artifacts and stories, if you have items you would like to share.

For further information please call Kathleen Murphy 703-759-6509 or [Kathleenjm@aol.com](mailto:Kathleenjm@aol.com).

## June 11: Local Rotary Clubs Seeking Volunteers to Stop Hunger Now

The Rotary Club of McLean is seeking more than 600 volunteers this June to assist in its fight to help eradicate hunger worldwide.

McLean Rotary, along with the Rotary Club of Tysons Corner, will bring together local schools, service organizations, houses of worship and businesses to participate in a one-day, meal-packaging event on June 11 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean. In addition to recruiting 600 volunteers, the McLean Club is looking to package 150,000 meals and raise at least \$37,500 to underwrite the cost of the meals.

The humanitarian effort will benefit Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to countries around the world. More than 25,000 people die of hunger-related causes every day, according to Stop Hunger Now.

The local Rotary Clubs will be joined by Platinum sponsor Deloitte, and Gold sponsor West Financial Services, as well as McLean and Langley High Schools, The Potomac School and American Legion Post 270. Several local houses of worship also will be participating, including Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (McLean), Temple Rodef Shalom and the Islamic Community of McLean.

In November 2010, McLean Rotary, along with more than 500 local volunteers, collected more than \$25,000 and packaged 100,000 meals.

For more information or to participate in McLean Rotary's June 11 Stop Hunger Now event, please call 703-790-5319 or email [mclean.stophunger@gmail.com](mailto:mclean.stophunger@gmail.com).